Generation of power

494. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to generate 2.10 lakh megawatts of power by 2012;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated cost of the project and the method of raising the required money?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) National Electricity Policy envisages "Power for all by 2012". To meet this objective, as per assessment made by Central Electricity Authority, the total installed capacity of about 2,06,000 MW would be the requirement by 2012.

To meet this objective, the need for investment of about Rs. 9,00,000 crore in generation, transmission, sub-transmission, distribution and rural electrification had been estimated in the 10th and 11th Plan periods. Public Sector investments, both by the Central Government and the State Governments, has been envisaged and the need for attracting substantial private investment has been highlighted.

Hydro-power and wind energy based power projects

†495. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to install 5 big ultra mega power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when these projects would be granted approval;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.